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March 29, 2007

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution of the City Council of the City of Long Beach in Support of Senate Bill 974 (SB 974) Introduced by Senator Alan Lowenthal

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to the request of City Council this office has prepared and submits the above-described resolution for your consideration.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT E. SHANNON, City Attorney

By 
Dominic Holzhaus,
Principal Deputy

Attachment

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 974
(LOWENTHAL) REGARDING FINANCING OF PORT
CONGESTION RELIEF AND PORT MITIGATION RELIEF

WHEREAS, there is a need to mitigate the enormous burden imposed on
the highway and rail transportation systems serving the Ports of Los Angeles and Long
Beach by the overland movement of cargo shipped from and to those ports; and

WHEREAS, the operation of the ports causes environmental pollution that
requires mitigation; and

WHEREAS, air pollution in California is an ongoing problem that impacts
the health and safety of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 974 would result in a marked improvement to air
quality and reduce Port congestion; and

WHEREAS, the Long Beach City Council aggressively supports legislative
efforts aimed at curbing the effects of the congestion and pollution in Long Beach and
the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 974 would mandate the collection of container
fees at the Ports of Long Beach, Los Angeles and Oakland that could be used to fund
goods-movement related infrastructure and clean-air programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves
as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby supports Senator Alan
Lowenthal's Senate Bill 974 and directs the City Manager to advocate for the passage
of this important initiative designed to improve air quality and the transportation
infrastructure.

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Sec. 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2007 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk